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REPLY TO ACTION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of February 27, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

The examiner has rejected claims 21-25 as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The examiner questions whether the claims are directed to an apparatus or a method. The examiner is urged to reconsider and withdraw the rejection. The claims are directed to an apparatus, specifically to a media access control unit. There is nothing indefinite (i.e., no shortcoming under 112, second paragraph) about the claim. It very clearly claims a media access control unit with certain clearly specified capabilities.

Four independent claims are pending (claims 5, 13, 16, 21). Claims 5 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Ruszczyk. Claims 16 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ruszczyk. The examiner is urged to reconsider and withdrawn the rejections.

Each of the four independent claims is directed to a network access control technique for "burst transmissions", which the application clearly explains constitute transmissions of a

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